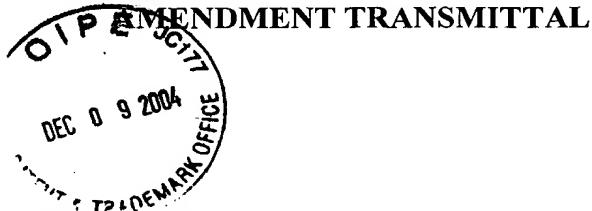


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 SERIAL NO: 09/509,934  
 FILING DATE: May 3, 2000  
 FOR: New Vitamin D Derivatives With Cyclopropyl Rings In The Side Chains, Process And Intermediate Products  
 For Their Production And Their Use For The Production Of Pharmaceutical Agents

GAU: 1616  
 EXAMINER: S. Qazi



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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 9, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 33 of this paper.

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